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SATURDAY MORNING AT THE PICTURES

The good work of Children's Films and Cinema Clubs

The British film industry regards junior audiences as V.I.P.s (Very Important Persons) and organises special pictures and cinema clubs for their benefit. In hundreds of places throughout the land the local cinema becomes "our club" for tens of thousands of youngsters every Saturday morning. To get first-hand information on this activity, one of our special correspondents has been visiting Children's Cinema Clubs at various spots for the last few Saturdays to see what is going on. This is his report.

"We've got nearly 2000 children here today," said a fireman to me. "All they think about is the picture. But I tested our private line to the fire station before they came in. We have to be on the top line about precautions you see. And every member of the staff knows what to do in case of emergency. We have regular fire drills."

Then the manager went up on the stage, a solitary figure in a splash of grey spotlight, edged with blue. He organised the usual crop of solo singers and dancers, to the accompaniment of cheers for success and boos for failure; and he handled two thousand children—what a job—as if they had been thirty. Then they sang the Club Song and the performance started.

Many Cinema Clubs have their own children's committee who are encouraged to interest themselves in the running of things and to offer suggestions for improvement.

POLICEMAN'S HOLIDAY

Mr. James McGeoch, a detective-sergeant of the Inverness Constabulary, recently spent a three-week holiday on Sulisgeir, an uninhabited rock in the Atlantic, 35 miles north of the Butt of Lewis. While there, he rigged over 1000 fulmars, nearly 200 gannets, and several of the rare Leach's fork-tailed petrel.

WRONG ADDRESS

Sent to demolish a house in Thorold, Ontario, workmen ripped off the roof, tore out the doors and windows, and were busy pulling up the floors when it was discovered that they were at the wrong house.

The house which they should have pulled down was a block away.

CATCH

Two boys were canoeing down the River Lune at their favourite spot near Lancaster, when a big salmon jumped out of the water, straight into their laps. A nearby angler had been fishing for hours—and had caught nothing.

or criticisms of films. Sometimes schoolteachers, police officers, or Safety First organisers are asked to serve on these committees, too.

But, after all, the most important thing about going to the pictures is to see some good films. Here the Children's Film Foundation comes in. It is a non-profit-making organisation representing the combined efforts of all sections of the British film industry. It has been in existence since July 1951, but as early as 1944 Mr. J. Arthur Rank was making special children's films.

FOR JUNIORS EVERYWHERE

The money it spends comes from the British Film Production Fund out of a voluntary levy on the price of cinema tickets sold throughout the country.

The Foundation was set up to produce and encourage the showing of films specially suitable for young audiences in any part of the world. (Note those last six words.) It is under the direction of Miss Mary Field, O.B.E., the acknowledged expert on children's cinema throughout Europe and the Commonwealth.

The idea is to make entertaining pictures at reasonable cost but of the highest technical quality. The Foundation's point of view is that only the best is good enough. Stories have to be about boys and girls and must appeal not only to our own but to those beyond the seas. One thing you soon learn when making children's films is that young people are much the same whatever country they happen to live in.

YEARLY PROGRAMME

The Foundation does not itself make films but commissions them from various film companies. A Production Committee gets out a proposed year's programme and when this has been approved, the production companies get to work.

A system of inviting guest actors and composers has been put in hand so that you may get big names in these pictures. Both on the acting and technical side there is increasing willingness to make children's pictures. After all,

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Six Smithers Sisters

The smiling girls are the Smithers sisters of Whitstable. During the last nine years they have won between them 25 carnival prizes, for which they usually present a tableau. They are, from right: Bonita, 12; Lynne, 13; Cherry, 14; Edwina, 18; Daphne, 22; and Jeanine, 24.

PORTSMOUTH ROAD MYSTERY

On a stretch of the Portsmouth Road near Esher in Surrey more than 100 windscreens of passing cars have been mysteriously smashed. The place is known as "Missile Mile," and it has been thought by some that a hidden person shooting at the cars is responsible.

Now a theory has been put forward by Sir Graham Cunningham, an expert on glass. He thinks the windscreens are broken by stones thrown up by cars in front. The noise of the stone hitting the windscreen would sound like a gun, he points out. He rejects the idea

that vibration causes the damage, for in that case, he says, the back light would be broken as well.

The reason why these strange incidents are reported only from "Missile Mile," he believes, is because they have become news there, and similar happenings elsewhere are ignored.

Sir Graham's theory is not altogether accepted by the Automobile Association. Their technical staff have an unofficial theory that the breakages are caused by supersonic vibrations set up by jet aircraft.

The mystery remains!

FROGMAID

Pat Harrison, 15-year-old Watford schoolgirl, can claim to have made a deeper dive than any other woman diver in England. She made a free dive to a depth of 40 feet at the British Underwater Centre at Dartmouth while she was on holiday with her parents.

Pat's father is superintendent of the Watford Corporation baths, and the founder of the Underwater Group there. Now he hopes to form a special section from girls between 15 and 18 years of age.

ON THE SPOT

There was no shortage of firemen when a blaze started at an hotel in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, the other day—the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association was holding its annual conference in the hotel at the time.

YOUTH TO THE FORE IN SINGAPORE

Singapore has been playing host to young people from many lands, for in the colony's Anglo-Chinese School the World Assembly of Youth held its second meeting.

Cosmopolitan though Singapore is, never before has it seen such a truly international gathering. For two weeks it has witnessed earnest discussions between young Indian women in saris, Japanese in kimonos, stalwart West Africans in tribal dress, and Europeans in slacks.

Now the last of the delegates has departed—in specially chartered planes—and Singapore is back to normal. But not soon will the people there forget the World Assembly of Youth, here described by a special correspondent.

It was truly a gathering of the nations that made those of us who live in Singapore proud to be their hosts.

For the entertainment of the delegates there was a Chinese feast to which 3000 guests were invited by host Mr. Tan Lark Syc, followed by a concert given by guests of many nations. There were visits to beach-side eating stalls, to sample dishes from many lands. There was more simple hospitality in the homes of hundreds of Singaporeans.

Youth In Action was the keynote of the Assembly, although many of the delegates were well over 35, because fifteen member countries ignored the age provision in the World Assembly of Youth charter, which states that two-thirds of the delegates must be under 30 years.

One newspaper editorial commented:

"The delegates to WAY should be so young that they cannot be tainted with any of the folly that let the war of 1939 break out. Their voice is valueless if it still echoes the hatreds or prejudices that swayed the world before 1939 . . ."

A wild tumult of applause greeted Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, President of the United Nations General Assembly, when she stood to declare open the Assembly.

REMARKABLE WOMAN

Silver-haired, clad in a sari of white silk, this remarkable woman combined the quiet dignity of an elder statesman with all the alert awareness of youth. This was not lost upon the hundreds of delegates present.

One of the most popular visitors to the Assembly was Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Commissioner-General for South-East Asia.

In his speech of welcome to the delegates he associated himself with the great youth movement and stressed the great part that young people had to play in suppressing the evils that beset the world today. He said that the apparent conflict between Nationalism and Internationalism is perhaps one of the most important

problems that the Assembly would have to face. There is no need for such conflict—the two forces should be complementary.

The sparkling personality of Azang Madeleine, delegate from



Mr. Guthrie Moir, President of WAY, welcomes Mrs. Pandit to the Assembly

the Cameroons, won her many friends. At a garden party, held at Government House, she wore her national dress, and unwrapped her printed shawl, to demonstrate to curious women guests how West African women carry their babies so securely inside their shawls.

Highlights of the Assembly's work were the resolutions passed to strengthen the bonds of youth throughout the world, and raise the standard of life for young people everywhere who are at present living in dire poverty.

Universal friendship is the chief aim, and important in this connection was the decision to ease the exchange of Youth Groups between one country and another by the establishment of a WAY Hospitality Pool.

SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS

The Assembly indicated its lively interest in the international problems of the day by passing a resolution relating to atomic energy. In this matter WAY supports the endeavours of the United Nations, and urges that renewed efforts be made to achieve the earliest effective control of the production and use of atomic energy, and to prohibit its use, and the use of all other armaments, for destructive purposes under all circumstances.

Altogether, the meeting of the World Assembly of Youth in Singapore demonstrated only too clearly the tremendous anxiety of youth to overcome world-wide problems by breaking down false barriers of race and prejudice.

Concerts for children

For many young London music-lovers October 16 will be an exciting date, marking the first of this season's Saturday morning concerts for children at the Royal Festival Hall. The others are on November 6, December 4, January 29, February 26, March 19, and May 14.

The orchestras are the Philharmonia, the London Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, and the London Senior, and the conductor, who is also chairman of this famous concert organisation, is Ernest Read.

This year the Christmas concert, on December 4, is to be repeated at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Schools Choir of 400 voices—including tenors and basses—will sing, among their other items, Part II of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, the audience joining in the chorales. The young audience will also join in the carols at this concert.

Another thrilling occasion this season will be on February 26, when Mendelssohn's incidental music to A Midsummer Night's Dream will be played. Leading Old Vic artists will speak the parts of Titania, Oberon, Puck, and Bottom. There will also be massed singing of Where the Bee Sucks, to Arne's setting.

Several of the works at the concerts are in the syllabus for the G.C.E.

At the pictures

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many camera and sound men, as well as stars, have children of their own and fully appreciate the value of special entertainment for them.

As to what the films contain, there is quite a difference between films for children and films about children made for grown-ups. The main feature of the former is that the plot relies much more on action than on what is said. Smart dialogue is of secondary importance. If there is a villain, he must be shown to be contemptible—sooner or later. And the boys and girls in them are courageous, honest, and kind, qualities sometimes lacking in the ordinary run of pictures.

These children's films have a long life. It is estimated that any one picture takes about four years to make the round of all the cinemas which want to hire it. By that time the original audience has grown out of children's films but a new generation is ready.

Overseas audiences want these films, too, but mostly demand whole children's programmes rather than individual pictures.

If you belong to a Cinema Club, remember that the manager is there on Saturday morning to deal with suggestions.

Even the short investigation your correspondent made showed that, up and down the country, there are a lot of good people, from firemen to film producers, who are doing some fine, steady (and often unheard of) work for children who go to the pictures.

News from Everywhere

QUEST FOR THE PRODIGALS

A special effort is being made this month to win back all the children who have not of late been regular attendants at St. George's Church, Southall, Middlesex.

Until October 23, Derby is holding celebrations to mark the 800th anniversary of its first Charter, granted in 1154 by Henry II. In those days its population is estimated to have been about 2000; today it is nearly 200,000.

Nearly 400,000 people in this country are still waiting to have a telephone installed.

DOG COACHES

A motor coach firm has been granted a licence to carry dogs and their owners to and from dog shows in specially adapted motor coaches which have pens for big dogs and baskets for the smaller ones.

Norway has the third largest merchant fleet in the world—5884 vessels.

During a recent storm, a C.N. reader of Woodford Green, Essex, saw an elderly lady escort a hedgehog across the road.

During preparations for an exhibition depicting the story of the Wiltshire village of Potterne since the Iron Age, workmen digging a trench outside the village hall unearthed a Saxon skeleton.

DEEP SEA DIVER

Akiji Kumanoto, a Japanese pearl diver, descended 240 feet without a diving suit. This is about twice the depth that the average diver can reach.

There have been 140 ways of spelling Birmingham during the history of the city, says the President of the Birmingham Electric Club.

Work has been started on Rhodesia's first railway tunnel, near Wankie. It will be 835 feet long.

A Gateshead (Durham) firm has secured a contract from Turkey, worth £130,000, for 60 mobile shops.

CLOCKS BACK

British Summer Time ends this week, so remember to put your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

A baby girl born in Glasgow has a complete set of teeth.

The Trumbull, an American warship that was scuttled in the waters of Lake Champlain after a battle with the British in 1776, has been raised so that its hull can be preserved.

Remains of a fossil about six feet long, believed to be an ichthyosaurus, an extinct fish-like reptile, have been found at Boulby, Yorkshire.

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SHEEP SAVED FROM DROWNING

Oliver Curran and some other boys were recently playing football on the shore of Strangford Lough, in Northern Ireland, when they saw that a sheep had wandered into the water.

Oliver was the only one who could swim and, although it was a cold afternoon, he stripped and swam out to rescue the poor animal.

He had great difficulty in getting it ashore, and no sooner had he done so than he found that another of the flock had followed the first into the water. He rescued this one, too, only to find that the first was by this time back in the Lough again.

He decided that there must be something queer about these sea-going sheep, and on bringing the first one to the land once more he saw that its horns were growing in such a way that it could not see. It had blundered haphazard into the water, and the others might well have followed their blinded leader.

The boys then herded all the sheep into a safe corner of the field, and fetched the grateful farmer.

To be a Flying Doctor?



Nigel Eaton of Guildford wants to become a Flying Doctor in the Royal Air Force. Nigel, who is 18 and 6 feet 2½ inches, is here seen just before taking off on a flight at the Fair Oaks Flying Club at Chobham, where he obtained his Private Pilot's Licence.

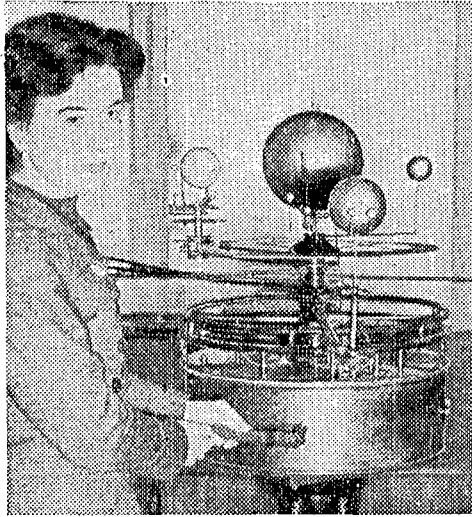
BOOKS THAT WILL THRILL YOU

Excitement is the keynote of the 1955 Lion Annual (7s.). From the year 3000 and Captain Condon's spaceship back to the days of the Elizabethan fighting seadogs, this fine boys' book takes readers into—and out of—scores of unusually tight corners.

Lads who seek thrills away from the beaten track of adventure will find what they want in these pictures and stories. They will also find laughter, and items to arouse and satisfy their curiosity.

Thrills in plenty are also presented in *Super Cinema Annual 1955* (7s.). This book includes stills and stories from favourite films such as *Rob Roy*, *Trouble in Store*, and *The Runaway Bus*. It also has many articles about the cinema and current stars.

Both *Annuals* should have an early place on the Christmas gift list.



Clockmaker's planetarium

This complicated-looking piece of mechanism is a planetarium showing the movements of the planets. Built in the early 19th-century by John Fulton, a village clockmaker, it is on view at the People's Palace Museum in Glasgow, and here we see it being operated by Miss Elspeth Gallie, curator of the museum.

DOLLS ARE HIS HOBBY

Michael Elliot is a 16-year-old boy who is a maker of dolls, and he showed his collection and explained how he made them in the *All Your Own TV* programme recently.

When watching the *TV* programme *Our Village*, Michael was struck with the thought that he could make dolls as good as the ones shown and immediately set about the job. They were about six inches tall, in realistic attitudes, and beautifully dressed.

Michael has already made 24 figures, many of them dressed in the costumes of their period, from the time of Nell Gwyn to the present day.

The doll skeletons are made from pipe cleaners, as Michael showed in his *TV* programme.

VILLAGES THAT DISAPPEARED

Excavations are being made in a 33-acre field near Orlingbury, Northants, in an attempt to locate remains of the village of Wythemail, which disappeared over 400 years ago. The work is in the hands of the Ancient Monuments Department of the Ministry of Works and follows the discovery there last December of samples of medieval pottery.

One of several theories for the disappearance of this village is that the land was enclosed for sheep rearing in the 15th century, so that the villagers had to leave their holdings and go elsewhere.

There are believed to be more than 1300 deserted village sites in Britain.

RUGBY SCHOOL AT RUGBY SCHOOL

Warwickshire Rugby Football Union recently entertained more than 100 schoolmasters at a weekend Rugby football course.

The scheme, the first of its kind in Great Britain, was designed to encourage the growing number of schools that are taking up the game.

Mr. L. H. Cleaver, secretary of the training committee, said that the aim of the course was to co-ordinate instruction, suggest teaching methods, and increase enthusiasm.

A monument at Rugby School commemorates the first boy to pick up the ball and run with it.

JUNIOR PUPPETEERS OF KING'S LYNN

One of our readers, J. Libbey of King's Lynn in Norfolk, makes his own puppets and has started a puppet club. He has already given two shows at a school and another at a party.

During October he hopes to put on a Puppet Circus and is presenting a Christmas pantomime, *Cinderella*, which has already been booked for a school.

Among his characters are Noddy and *TV's* Muffin the Mule. He and his club are ambitious to give a public show in King's Lynn, then to tour the county, and at length to appear on Television.

We wish them all success, and look forward to seeing the young puppeteers of King's Lynn triumphantly on *TV*.

CHIEFTAIN ATTLEE

During his goodwill visit to New Zealand, Mr. Attlee was made a chieftain of the Ngaitahu tribe.

Mr. Attlee was also given a piece of greenstone for the Queen. Among the Maoris, greenstone, a form of jade, is the highest symbol of friendship.

How to brighten a classroom



A huge mural covering two walls of a classroom has been designed and completed by pupils at Dover Road Junior Girls' School, Northfleet, Kent.

The picture is 28 feet long and 9 feet high. Preparation for the mural began when the girls, whose average age is ten, pasted sheets of brown paper together.

THRUPPENNY FATHER CHRISTMAS

Sheffield children have lost a good friend in Mr. Gerald Hall of Sheffield, who has just died at the age of 84. He was loved by children and grown-ups in the Attercliffe district as the "Thruppenny, Father Christmas."

With his white beard and kindly heart, and a habit he had of giving away threepenny bits, the title aptly fitted him. When he met children in the street he would smile, put his hand in his pocket and give them a threepenny bit. He was a dentist and in his surgery in Staniforth Road, Attercliffe, he kept a tin box which held up to £3 in threepenny bits. It needed constant refilling as he handed out his gifts. It was a special treat for a child to be allowed to put in a hand and take out a handful of threepenny bits to keep.

He worked for 50 years in the district and has left a host of happy memories.

EVENING CLASSES FOR CLIMBERS

Over 300 amateur mountaineers have enrolled in autumn training courses lasting 20 weeks. The students include doctors, engineers, teachers, industrial workers, nurses, and clerks.

The courses, organised by the Mountaineering Association, are being held in 15 towns of England and Wales. They consist of class-work and field exercises, and among the subjects studied are map-reading, rope management, the making of safe knots, the use of the compass, bad weather climbing, first aid, and rescue work.

It is also being arranged for graduates from advanced courses to attend climbing meets at Alpine centres, and to take part, eventually, in surveying and exploring expeditions to the Arctic and the Himalayas.

THE £200 LOOK

Perhaps the most expensive little animal on earth just now is the chinchilla; the one in this picture is worth not a penny under £200.

It belongs to Mr. Roberts, a New Zealander who has been living in Eastbourne for the past two years. In 1938 he went to the only place where these little creatures with the valuable fur are to be found wild—in the Andes



Mountains in South America; and he went again last year in order to trap some to start a chinchilla farm in Sussex.

Oddly enough, the chinchilla is not a rabbit although it looks like its first cousin. It is, in fact, closely related to—the porcupine!

It is a little smaller than a rabbit and has rubber-padded feet like those of a cat, but no claws. The mother chinchilla teaches her young every art of concealment, for they are prey to many enemies, especially owls and foxes.

The Chilean Government has now announced protective measures against the destruction of chinchillas or removal of the furry little animals from their natural haunts.

CAROL'S BIG DAY

It was a big day for Carol Freeston, of Clayton-le-Moors, when she read her own poem to the Lancashire Authors' Association.

Only 12, she stood in the council chamber at Colne and recited the five verses of "A Prayer," beginning:

*O Lord of Light
I have no fear,
I know this night
That Thou art near.*

Carol, who wrote her first poem when she was ten, goes to Accrington High School and wants to be a vet when she grows up.

Carol's proudest possession is a letter from the Queen in which her Majesty thanks Carol for a poem she sent before the Coronation.

GUIDERS' ANTHOLOGY

Although intended primarily for Girl Guides, *The Second Rucksack Book* (Blandford, 7s. 6d.) will interest all young people who love the countryside.

Many well-known authors, including Geoffrey Trease and John Pudney, have written special stories for the book, and there are many nature articles as well as games and puzzles.

The *Rucksack Book* will provide many happy hours—in the country or by the fireside.

PRICKLY HARVEST



Gathering the teasels on the farm

Despite the introduction of the carding machine with wire brushes, the age-old method of putting the nap on cloth with the heads of the teasel plant is still in favour.

The teasel is a biennial herb with a head consisting of many small, hooked spikes, rigid yet elastic. No mechanical device can equal them in the job of producing a soft surface, or "nap," on the cloth. The teasel heads are fixed to a wheel which is revolved against the surface of the cloth.

One Gloucestershire farmer, Mr. H. T. Derrick of Elmstone Hardwicke, has been growing teasels for more than half a century, like his father before him.

After a few minutes walking through his crop with Mr. Derrick

and his daughter-in-law, who are shown in our picture, I hardly thought it anything to grow for pleasure. The teasel heads, with their hard, curved barbs, tore at my clothes like an angry cat, and I could quite see why Mr. Derrick's trousers were patched from top to bottom.

Gloves, and stout ones at that, are essential for harvesting, but the only tool is a knife small enough to lay in the palm of the hand and tied round the wrist.

The teasels are gathered in handfuls of 25, and it takes 20,000 heads to make the common measure of a pack. They are carried to the drying sheds on 8ft. poles, and when dry are beaten to take out the seed, which incidentally makes good bird food.

It happened this week

NEARLY KNIGHTED BY MISTAKE

SEPTEMBER 27, 1831. LONDON—A man who escaped being knighted by mistake caused great amusement at the King's Lévee today. He was Mr. William Ewart, M.P., who was presenting an address to King William from Liverpool Corporation.

As he knelt, the King, mistaking him for the Mayor of Liverpool, was seizing his sword to confer the knighthood when Mr. Ewart exclaimed: "Not me, don't knight me."

"Why?" asked the King, "which is the Mayor of Liverpool?" and was told that the Mayor was standing behind.

The Mayor was then introduced and duly knighted.

DEATH OF ZOLA

SEPTEMBER 29, 1902. PARIS—After a life of constant struggle and criticism, Emile Zola, writer and courageous defender of Dreyfus, was today found dead in his bedroom, accidentally suffocated by fumes from a defective flue. Madame Zola, who is expected to survive, has been taken to Neuilly hospital.

Gigantic plans for Zola's public funeral have already been made. All branches of national and city government will be represented and Zola's former enemy, the writer Anatole France, is expected to deliver the funeral oration.

By his side will stand Alfred Dreyfus. Zola's historic and unwearying defence of this innocent Jewish officer against a charge of treason roused world admiration.

SIXPENNY TELEGRAMS

OCTOBER 1, 1885. LONDON—Telegraph headquarters at St. Martins-le-Grand were exceptionally busy yesterday when the new sixpenny telegram system was operated for the first time. Forty per cent of yesterday's telegrams from London were sixpenny ones.

Hundreds of people hurried to pay their fee entitling them to register an abbreviated address for use on the new telegrams.

A thirty per cent increase in telegraphic communications is expected.

END OF A SPY

OCTOBER 2, 1780. TAPPAN, North America—On the west bank of the River Hudson here today 28-year-old Major John André was hanged by the American soldiers. The execution took place almost in sight of the officer's comrades in the British forces.

As adjutant-general of the British forces during the American War of Independence, Major André had been negotiating with the American General Arnold who had offered to betray his command at West Point. Three American farmers captured him on his way back from a secret meeting with Arnold and he was sent as prisoner to General Washington.

He was tried and sentenced to be hanged as a spy.

TV and Radio, by ERNEST THOMSON

JIGSAW BEGINS

With interest, fun, and music

JIGSAW, the new magazine programme in Children's TV, starts its fortnightly run on Saturday. Each item will be represented by a piece in a jigsaw puzzle, and as the programme proceeds viewers will see the pieces fitting together until the picture is complete. The ingredients are general interest, fun, and music.



Charlie Drake

Michael Barsley, who devised the programme, tells me the idea struck him one evening when he came home to find his daughters Sarah (13) and Margaret (10) finishing a jigsaw. "I can never finish one myself," he says. "The sky always seems to beat me."

Now about the contents. One of the jigsaw pieces in each edition will be A Great Moment in History, the first being Colonel

Blood's theft of the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London.

Other bits and pieces will include topical songs written by Michael Barsley to the music of Marr Mackie. "Won't you put the clock back?" will be the first, chiming in with the end of Summer Time. Conkers and bonfires will be later themes. Frank Barron will lead the resident band.



Jack Edwardes

Robert Harbin the c.s. capologist, who is a conjurer, too, will be seen, or rather, his hands only will be seen, making objects in fantastic shapes. Saveen, the ventriloquist with dogs, will be another distinguished visitor.

Two faces which will become very familiar are those of resident knockabout comics, Charlie Drake, a very small man, and Jack Edwardes, a very tall one.

Two appointments for Sherlock Holmes

By a strange coincidence next week sees the start of two series of Sherlock Holmes mysteries. I have already mentioned the series beginning on October 5 with Sir Ralph Richardson and Sir John Gielgud in the leading parts; and now comes news of a series in Children's Hour.

David Davis (David) is producing six of the Conan Doyle stories at monthly intervals, beginning with The Norwood Builder on October 7.

Carleton Hobbs will play the detective with Norman Shelley as Dr. Watson, and Felix Felton as Lestrade, the baffled inspector from Scotland Yard.

David tells me that the next story will be The Bruce Partington Plans. Among others will be The Missing Three-Quarter (a rugby story), and The Final Problem.

In Napoleon's days

The Shadow of the Eagle, a new play in six instalments by Peter Hayes, starts in Children's Hour on Friday.

A young British Army lieutenant, Roger Graham, tells of his adventures during the famous Hundred Days between Napoleon's return from Elba and his defeat at Waterloo.

John Clarke-Smith will play Roger as a young man; his father, D. A. Clark-Smith will play the same character in old age.

Arenascope repeat

ARENASCOPE, the indoor TV stadium, will be repeated on a bigger scale in 1955. So reports the man who organised it, Imlay Newbiggin-Watts, BBC Special Programme Projects Officer.

"Some of the Arenascope shows were admittedly disappointing," he told me, "but we felt that the experiment was worthwhile."

TV detectors on the trail

NINE new Post Office vans in green, with gold lettering, have been equipped with instruments for detecting TV sets in an effort to track people who have not bought licences.

Each car carries three loop aerials with receivers responding to the magnetic field set up by a TV

set in operation. By switching in each aerial in turn, the engineer can locate the direction of the signal.

The cars are patrolling London and also districts in and around Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Belfast, Manchester, Leeds, and Edinburgh.



One of the G.P.O. detector vans

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Chew

WRIGLEY'S

LIFE-SAVERS WITH A PROUD RECORD

BRITISH children with a lesson for their elders all over the world are those of Beckenham, Kent. They have kept death off the roads for seven years, no child having been killed there in a traffic accident in that time.

Beckenham, a busy borough on the south-eastern fringe of London, looks upon this as a proud achievement, in a country like Britain where 5000 people are killed on the highways and byways every year. Even the minor accidents are getting fewer and fewer in Beckenham.

And all this super-safety is largely due to the children themselves, who organise their own safety-first methods. Champion organisers have been 16-year-old Margaret Mackay of Beckenham Girls Grammar School and Ruth Hancock of St. Christopher's.

Margaret has to her credit a marvellous job of work as chairman of the Beckenham Junior Accident Prevention Council. She has supervised safety measures among the children, often giving up her spare time for this. Once a month she has gone to the Town

Hall and occupied the mayoral chair at a Junior Council meeting on road safety.

This meeting, held after school hours, is attended by two representatives from every school in the area.

Back at school Margaret has run a cycle repair shop. Small charges are made for puncture-mending and other tasks.

Margaret is now at a university, but others will follow her great example and carry on the good work.

Ruth Hancock is another road-safety champion. She is secretary of the Accident Prevention Council, and also spends much of her spare time furthering the safety campaign. When other children are at play Ruth is often to be seen going around the district reporting on the state of the roads.

It is indeed a better Beckenham that the children are building. Everyone in the borough has reason to be proud of them, and the fine example they are setting. They are all doing a grand job!



At a crossing in Beckenham, where the children never dash across in front of oncoming traffic



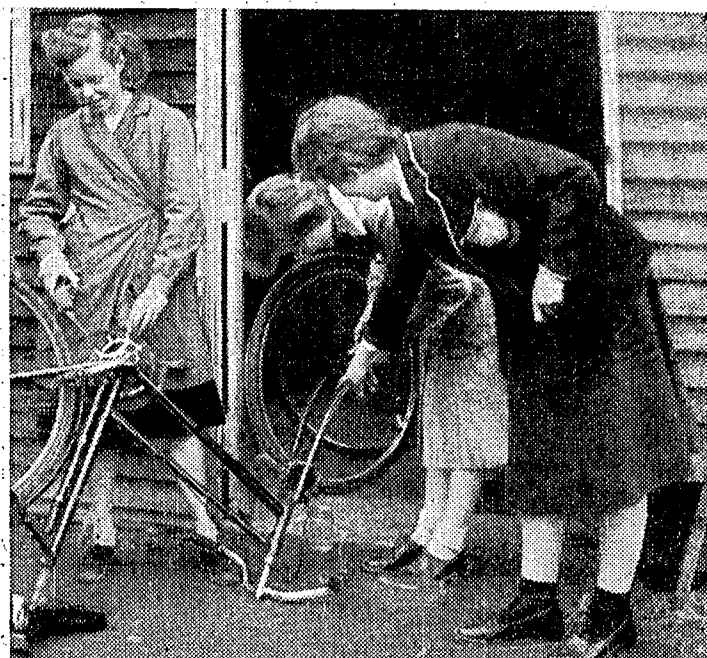
League of Safety—a council meeting in progress. Two representatives of every school in Beckenham attend



Cyclists ride in and out through lanes of milk bottles during proficiency tests, held fortnightly by Beckenham schools



Halt! Margaret Mackay and the Police-Sergeant judge the ability of the cyclists to come to a halt calmly and efficiently. More than 500 Beckenham children have passed the cycling proficiency tests this year



At the Grammar School's own bicycle repair shop. The small fees go to a fund used for road safety purposes

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HELPING HAND

EVEN appalling disasters like the Algerian earthquake have their brighter side. They do show mankind at its best, freely giving a helping hand to those in distress.

The stark tragedy of Orleansville has shown that despite the bitterness prevailing between nations they are always ready to forget their differences and give immediate aid to the afflicted, whatever their nationality.

When Greece had earthquakes, when Britain and Holland had floods, other nations immediately acted like brothers and showed their sympathy in a practical way.

This Good Samaritan spirit on a national scale is also displayed in the decision of the United States to share its surplus food with the needy areas of the world.

In times darkened by the shadows of friction between nations, we can seek comfort in the fact that one blow from Nature makes the world kin.

ACCENT ON THRIFT

THIS Saturday marks the beginning of Schools Recruitment Week for National Savings, and the authorities are confident that it will have its usual support from the boys and girls.

"The schools have never failed to respond enthusiastically to an appeal from the National Savings Movement," says Mr. F. J. Evans, President of the National Union of Teachers. "The National Call is for two million new savers. Of one thing I am certain—the schools will play a leading part."

And in playing it the young people will be helping their country and at the same time learning the wisdom of thrift.

The Editor's Table

MANSION INTO GRANARY

NEAR Chudleigh in Devon, Thomas Clifford, statesman friend of Charles II, built a house for himself and called it Ugbrooke. It has seen great days, but now the scene is vastly changed; the rooms are a foot deep in grain, for the present Lord Clifford of Chudleigh's harvest is there spread out to dry.

As his mansion was standing empty Lord Clifford has sensibly used it as a store, and with doors and windows open the grain is drying well.

Thus has one of England's stately homes now become a granary.

Never in their wildest fancies could 17th-century Englishmen have guessed that such a thing could ever be. We are reminded of a couplet by the poet Dryden, who paid more than one visit to Ugbrooke:

*Foreknowledge only is enjoyed by heaven;
And, for his peace of mind, to man forbidden:*

Thirty Years Ago

From The Children's Newspaper, October 4, 1924

STRANGE news comes from the beautiful but savage island of Formosa, off the coast of China, which the Japanese captured in the Chino-Japanese war of 1895.

A Scottish lady, Mrs. McGovern, who has spent several years on the island in the service of the Mikado, and has come back to England, says that two tribes in the island, the Paiwans and the Paiumas, isolated in the mountains, have women for their chiefs. The headship is passed from mother to daughter, a man being selected only when the queen dies leaving no daughter.

Among another tribe, the Taiyals, the smaller communities have either a man or a woman for their chief, according to votes, and the chosen ruler is usually the one who has had most success in chasing rain-devils from the harbours.

JUST AN IDEA

As Leigh Hunt wrote: Work is a stimulus to work and loafing a stimulus to laziness.

Complete agreement

DURING an intelligence test, 200 London schoolchildren between 14 and 17 were asked to complete the sentence: "The person I admire most is . . ."
Every answer was: "My mum."

Mrs President



This new portrait of Mrs. Eisenhower, by Mr. Thomas E. Stephens of New York, hangs in the President's quarters at the White House in Washington.

Hungry Brigade

CATERING for a big family is a full-time job, as mothers know. All the same, most mothers would be staggered at the figures of the food consumed daily at the Boys' Brigade Camp at Eton, where 2000 boys and officers were catered for. Here, roughly, are details of some of the items "put away":

600 quartern loaves, 5 cwt. jam, 2400 buns, 560 lb. of meat, one and a half tons of potatoes, 600 gallons of tea, 360 gallons of milk, and 300 gallons of cocoa.

All of which is only to be expected when you get such a healthy family gathering with healthy appetites.

Think on These Things

A FRIEND of mine, very interested in astronomy, was delighted when someone gave him a small telescope. Whenever he had the opportunity he gazed through it at the heavens, and when in church he spoke the words of the Creed which refer to God as the Creator, "maker of heaven and earth," he thanked God for letting him see such beauty.

He was quite right to do so. Whenever we see something that is beautiful we should all thank God for it. If we take things for granted we shall soon become unobservant and fail to see all the splendour of creation.

The Psalmist in the last verse of the last psalm summons all creation to praise God. "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150. 6). We must not fail to play our part. O. R. C.

SCHOOLING FOR 2d A WEEK

IN Tunbridge Wells there lives a man who has recently recalled that when his father attended school, from 1875 to 1884, the headmaster charged twopence a week for schooling. He also "fined" the pupils one penny a week (twopence, those who went to work) and these "fines" were repaid to the pupils in a lump sum on leaving.

With the repayment was given the advice: "Save it towards buying a house of your own."

Michaelmas fare and fairs

THE custom of eating Michaelmas Goose must have arisen because at the time of the Feast of St. Michael, September 29, a convenient moment for paying a quarter of the year's rent, geese were at their best. In old days they were turned into the cornfields after the harvest had been reaped to get fat on the odd grains which had fallen to the ground. In fact tenants were usually expected to make a gift of a good stubble goose when paying the rent at this season of the year.

Michaelmas, being one of the quarter days, was and still is a time for settling accounts among the farming fraternity. So too it was the season for engaging farm servants, which took place at the "hiring fairs" in the market towns.

The men and maids seeking employment carried a symbol of their particular kind of work. The carter held a whip, the shepherd a crook, the Thatcher wore a spray of woven straw, the maidservants carried mops. As each became accepted for employment, so he or she was given a "fastening-penny" by the new employer which was considered to bind the bargain. After the hiring was over the remainder of the day was spent in revelry. Nowadays hiring at fairs has ceased, though at Michaelmas there are still many pleasure fairs to remind us of those olden times. A. S.

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THEY SAY . . .

I THINK a writer should help those who cannot speak for themselves, and attack those who, perhaps, speak too often for themselves.

J. B. Priestley, at his 60th birthday dinner

ONE great thing you have to remember about a Chancellor of the Exchequer is that if he does not go out to produce flashy results himself, he is doing a good job.

Mr. R. A. Butler

THERE is nothing to match the best London store. Produce from all over the world, food of all varieties and nationalities—why, I even came across Kangaroo Tail Soup!

The wife of Hollywood film star Richard Widmark

THE student of today is called upon to know more than the professor of a century ago.

Professor A. E. Ritchie

WE sincerely hope that every adult realises the importance of children in the life of the Church.

Rev. W. J. Jenner, vicar of St. George's Church, Southall

By the year 2000 we may not have any measles.

Sir Alexander Fleming

Out and About

YOUNG swallows are gathering—more and more of them—twittering in long lines on telegraph wires, or suddenly swooping round and alighting on the ground, only to return to their perch.

They are continually moving farther south in small flocks, preparing for their first long overseas flight as soon as the supply of insects is insufficient here. And they will not be back until next Spring.

The restless swallows are a sign of autumn's arrival; but a more cheerful one is the increase of song from our faithful stay-at-homes.

On a fine day the larks sing overhead almost as freely as in early summer. Like other birds singing now, they have recovered from the period of moulting and of comparative silence.

C. D. D.

Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If piano making is a key industry



Children should not be driven to learn. Should walk to school even if father has a car.

London is to have an underground car park. Workmen are getting down to work.

An old cottage is described as being full of beams. Must belong to a happy family.

Some people have time on their hands. Many more have it on their wrists.

Britain may soon have too many doctors. Much better than having too many patients.

Thin children are said to be moodier than fat ones. But you can get round them more quickly.



OUR HOMELAND

Blundell's School at Tiverton, Devon

AN ANGEL COMES TO TOWN

By the C N Film Critic

THE Angel Who Pawned Her Harp is an amusing, fanciful film about a lovely young Angel (Diane Cilento) who is sent down to earth on a goodwill mission.

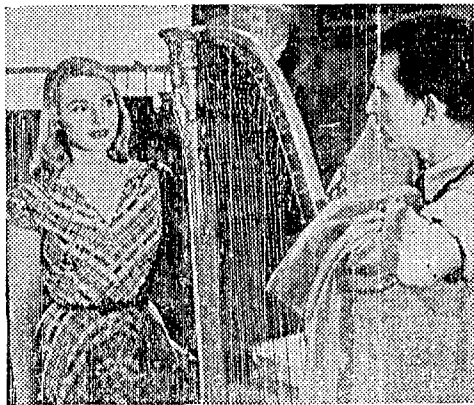
She arrives suddenly in a London street—in the district known as The Angel, Islington—with her harp, but without any money. She

the old pawnbroker's shop, and their attempt ends in great confusion. Then there is a smartly-dressed character (Jerry Desmonde) who is not above trying to swindle the old man out of a great deal of money. There is an interfering old gossip who makes life very difficult for Len.

In fact, there is no room to detail all the problems the Angel has to solve. But, at last, by doing her very best for everybody, and because she is so charming, she manages to put nearly everything right. She is able to redeem her harp and return to celestial regions with the knowledge that she has made all her new friends happier.

The High and the Mighty is a film that works up to a situation of great suspense. It is about an airliner that gets into difficulties far out over the Pacific. The wide CinemaScope screen makes us feel that we are there, among the passengers who are expecting to have to swim for life when the plane has to come down in the sea.

Nevertheless, most of the in-



Diane Cilento, the angel, meets Len (Philip Guard)—a scene from *The Angel Who Pawned Her Harp*

must have money for her needs while she lives like a mortal on earth, so she pawns her harp at a pawnbroker's shop conveniently near at hand.

We are never shown exactly how she carries her harp into it, but this is perhaps just as well. Not even such a beautiful young angel as this would find it easy to keep her dignity while burdened with such an object. We see the harp only when it is standing in the shop, and when she is seated playing it (she seems to play it beautifully).

The pawnbroker, played by Felix Aylmer, is a lovable old man who is mostly concerned with his valuable collection of musical-boxes, but he is lonely. The Angel realises that he would like to make friends with some of the local young people.

One of these is his assistant, Len, who takes the Angel to their Youth Club dance and much upsets the pretty girl who loves him.

This is one complication the Angel had not bargained for, and there are many others, most of them amusing.

Two comic burglars come to rob



Trombone interlude in the pawnshop

terest for many of us is in watching not the passengers but the crew—including the stewardess (Doe Avedon) who has one of the biggest parts to play. The most important man turns out to be the co-pilot (John Wayne), who is older than the others and has been flying since the very earliest days.

He it is who takes charge and saves the situation when the young pilot loses his nerve.

It is fascinating to watch how the emergency is dealt with, both on the plane and by would-be rescuers ashore, at sea, and in other aircraft. This is more interesting than the behaviour of the passengers. But the whole film is gripping and well done.



John Wayne and Robert Stack as the two pilots in *The High and the Mighty*

Her last voyage

The Cutty Sark, last of the famous old sailing clippers, is to be towed to her permanent home at Greenwich on October 14 or 15, the date depending on tidal and weather conditions in the Thames. She will be taken there from the East India Dock.

A dry dock has been constructed at Greenwich to receive the 85-year-old vessel, but getting her safely installed in it will be a tricky and exciting business. For the size of the dock and its approach channel have had to be calculated to an inch so that she will rest securely.

DELICATE TASK

The dock will be full of water when the ship is manoeuvred in, but there will be only 21 inches to spare between the ship's sides and the dock entrance. Inside, she will have to be delicately pushed and hauled into a certain exact position so that, as the tide goes out, her keel comes to rest on the block at the bottom of the dock.

The whole operation will have to be carried out in about 31 hours, to fit in with the tide, so it will be a job calling for split-second timing and first-class judgment in the handling of tugs and hawsers.

Just before low tide the same evening, the dock gates will be closed and the Cutty Sark's last home pumped dry. Then the work will begin of re-rigging and re-fitting this old princess of the windjammers.

SLOW TO CHANGE

A leading British zoologist, Dr. C. F. Pantin, F.R.S., hopes to bring back from New Zealand a strange living creature called the peripatus which, it is believed, has not changed its form since the early days of life on this planet, 500 million years ago.

It is halfway between a worm and an insect and resembles a caterpillar. Bluish in colour, it has a velvety skin and a body like a worm's. But it has 15 pairs of legs, antennae, and an insect's breathing system. Large specimens are three inches long. It is a scavenger, living on dead insects, and defends itself by spitting out a sticky substance.

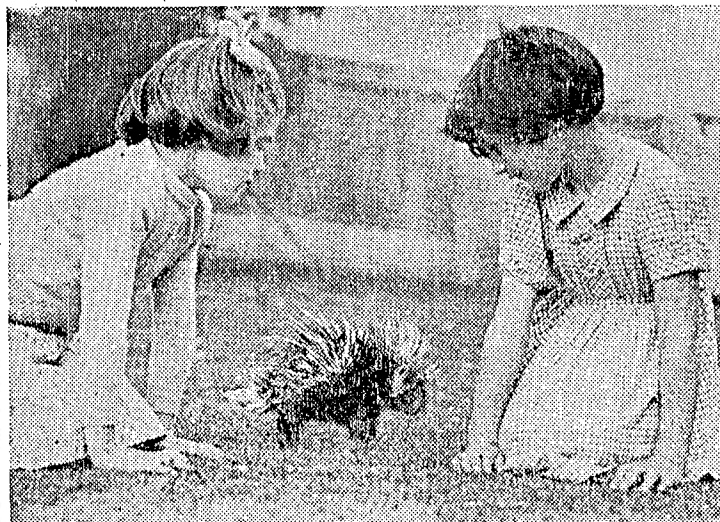
The peripatus is found only in New Zealand and isolated parts of South Africa and South America, and scientists are anxious to learn more about this creature whose ancestors have survived, unchanged by evolution, for so many millions of years.

SEVEN STUDENTS IN A TRUCK

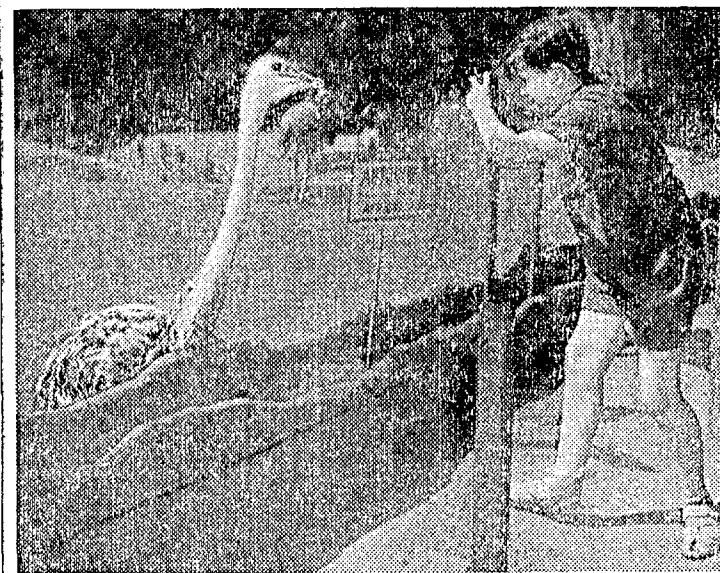
Seven students of Huddersfield Technical College have returned from a 3500-mile Continental tour in a 15-cwt. lorry which they salvaged from a scrap yard. It was an old Army truck and cost them £30 which they had earned by doing odd jobs.

Their month's tour took them through France, Italy, and Switzerland without a hitch, not even a puncture.

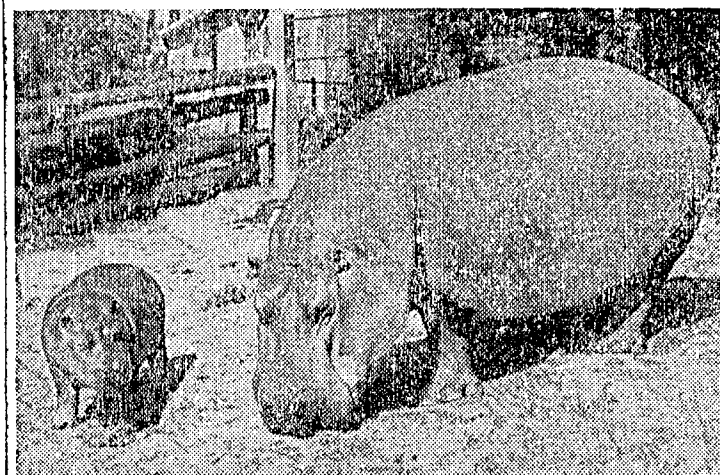
VIEWS FROM THE ZOOS



Six-year-old Alison Cotton of Banstead, and Barbara Foskett, aged seven, of Chipstead, make friends with a baby porcupine at Chessington Zoo



This little boy at the Paris Zoo tries his hand at photographing an inquisitive ostrich



Belinda, the hippopotamus, takes her baby, Henry, for a walk round their quarters at Whipsnade Zoo

LOST, STOLEN, OR STRAYED

An Arkansas lady driving along the Oklahoma highway was halted by a traffic officer. "But I wasn't speeding, officer," she began, when he cut her short.

"You weren't, but you forgot your son in Yukon!"

She looked in the back of the car and gasped. She had stopped at the town of Yukon for petrol and her five-year-old son, Peter, had got out of the car and was left behind. The traffic officer received radioed instructions to stop the car.

IN FOREFATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

A long time ago, in the 12th century, King John needed someone to look after his valuable herds of cattle at Turnditch, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire. So he appointed Nicholas de Crompton as Royal Cow House Keeper.

The other day Ashbourne Urban District Council needed someone to open their new cattle market at Ashbourne. Lieut.-Col. Crompton-Inglefield, former High Sheriff of Derbyshire, and a descendant of Nicholas de Crompton, performed the ceremony.

WALKING ACROSS RIVERS

To prove his theory that people in Roman times forded the Severn below Gloucester, Lord Noel-Buxton walked across a 1½-miles wide stretch of the river at low tide. But he narrowly escaped being caught by the Severn Bore, the tidal wave between five and six feet high which sweeps up the Estuary.

Leaving the west bank near Alvington, he strode across a wide expanse of sand to the channel, which at low tide is less than half a mile wide.

Lord Noel-Buxton is six foot three, but in one place the water came up to his neck, and as he approached the other side he found he was likely to get out of his depth. He turned back to find the narrow shelf of rock he had missed, and while he searched, the crowds that had gathered on the bank saw the dangerous Bore moving rapidly up the river towards him.

JUST IN TIME

He found the submerged rocks when the giant wave was less than 300 yards away, and he scrambled ashore just as the advanced wave-lets were swirling round his legs. The crossing had taken him two hours.

Last year Lord Noel-Buxton forded the Humber where it is 1½ miles wide, and there the water never rose above his hips. He has also walked across the bed of the Thames at Westminster Bridge.

But the Severn crossing, he has decided, is his last adventure in finding fords across our widest rivers. He has fearlessly shown his theories to be correct.

BEDTIME STORY

Before the liner Pretoria Castle last left Southampton for Cape Town, carpenters extended a bed in the cabin class to accommodate 33-year-old Charles Constant. He is seven feet three, the tallest passenger the ship has ever carried.

Sporting Flashbacks



SCHOOLBOYS BACK FROM CANADIAN WILDS

The 66 tough lads of the latest British Schools Exploring Society returned to London by air recently from their holiday expedition to northern Quebec. For six weeks these senior schoolboys fended for themselves in unmapped forest country, 265 miles north of Quebec City, in the region of a lake the Indians call Waconichi.

It has been a great experience in the rough lands of the moose and the porcupine and will glow in the memories of these young adventure-seekers for the rest of their lives.

The boys were divided into groups or "fires" (camp-fires) according to the jobs they signed on for. It might be bird study, surveying, photography, geology, or just general duties.

One of their first tasks was to cut an eight-mile track through dense undergrowth from their lakeside camp to the Survey Base for the moving of stores. Then, often in bad weather, and having to hack their way through dense fir forests, they made eleven separate marches which took them many miles from their camp.

The longest march lasted 14 days and each of the 16 lads

carried a load of stores, tents, and personal belongings weighing over 70 lb. Another party successfully climbed Mount Bouleau, studied the watershed between Lake Waconichi and the River de Chef and set up beacons for the survey party. The idea was to gather useful scientific information as well as to pit their wits and endurance against the wilderness.

The surveyors made a detailed map, on a scale of 1/25,000, of about 50 square miles round their camp. The botanists and entomologists made collections of specimens for the British Museum; the ornithologists compiled notes on the many strange birds they saw; and the weather experts kept careful records.

The radio operators kept unbroken touch with camp and Survey Base and the nearest

DEEP DOWN

A world record descent into the depths of the earth is claimed by two French cave explorers, Jean Cadoux and George Garby. Helped by a team of three other Frenchmen they descended 2485 feet in the Berger cave near Grenoble.

Canadian town, a fine effort. This was essential both for inter-communication and in case of emergency. The radio sets which they used were loaned by the Royal Canadian Navy.

Everyone kept remarkably fit, due largely to the careful preparation of a special scale of food by Surgeon Commander G. Murray Leveck, R.N., the Society's Founder and President.

The leader of the expedition, Major E. D. Stroud, reports that all the Canadian organisations and individuals with whom they came in contact were very kind and helpful.

Next year's exploration will be of some uninhabited part of Newfoundland, Greenland, or Iceland. The boys who are fortunate enough to join these wonderful expeditions, including Public and Secondary schoolboys and cadets from the three Youth Services, are selected by personal interview after sending an application, with headmaster's report. Those who pass the interview with high marks and who cannot afford the £150-£200 expenses, may be helped by grants from Local Education Authorities or other bodies.

HOW THEY MAKE YOUR TWEED

There is a growing demand in many parts of the world for Harris Tweed, the cloth spun and woven by hand in the Outer Hebrides. A recently-issued booklet tells the story of these hand-weavers, whose womenfolk still ply the spinning-wheel, and who maintain a traditional craft which has made them famous.

Their homeland is one of the bleakest and most desolate regions of Britain. The islands, of which Lewis is the largest, are for the most part wide stretches of rocky moorland and peat bogs, which cannot be cultivated. The people depend for their livelihood mainly on fishing and making Harris Tweeds. The name comes from the southern part of the main island.

The cloth is made from pure Scottish wool, which they wash, dye, and spin themselves. They make their own dyes, stewing various roots and leaves in a pot over a peat or driftwood fire. No mechanical looms are used, and although hand-weaving is a laborious process, a comparison of hand-woven tweed with machine-made cloth at once shows the superiority of the cottage loom.

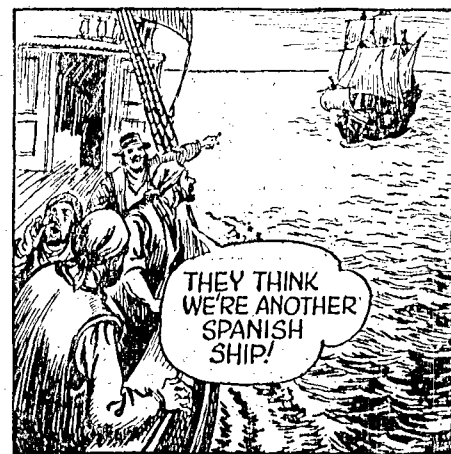
WRIST-WATCHES FOR C N READERS

Congratulations to Rosemary Bowman, Guisborough; Rosemary Elkins, Cheshunt; Roger Green, Northampton; Brian Lewis, Newport; and Margaret Nixon, Manchester, who win wrist-watches in C N Competition No. 10.

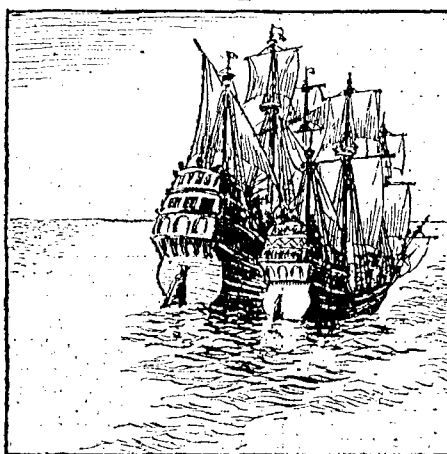
Consolation prizes go to: Noel Corbett, Wolverhampton; Susan Darby, Cosham; Wayne Davies, Pontypridd; James Morwood, Oxshott; Susan Muxworthy, Cardiff; Diana Porter, Bristol; Anthony Spratt, Isleworth; Gillian Thompson, Hove; Anne Tuffin, Leigh-on-Sea; and Peter Wells, Birmingham.

SOLUTION: 1 Trombone; 2 Scissors; 3 Draughtsman; 4 Mark Twain; 5 Carrot; 6 Bowls Wood.

ELIZABETHAN SEA-DOG—new picture-story of the adventures of Sir Francis Drake (8)



After a long chase the Cacafuego was sighted by Drake's page, who duly received the promised golden chain. Not wanting his quarry to think she was being pursued, Drake towed empty wine jars astern of the Golden Hind to reduce her speed. But the captain of the ship ahead had no suspicions about the other vessel, and thinking she was a friendly one bringing him a message, he turned and sailed towards her!



The Spanish captain soon found his mistake. The Golden Hind swung alongside and he was ordered to strike sail. He refused, and a volley of shot carried away his mizzen mast. His men fled below, and about 40 Englishmen sprang onto his deck. He was taken prisoner, and brought before Drake who, giving him a kindly pat on the shoulder, advised him "to accept with patience what is the usage of war."



The Cacafuego was a floating treasure house. Besides gold and gems she carried 26 tons of silver. All was transferred to the Golden Hind. Drake treated his prisoners well, entertaining the captain at his table, and giving him and his crew presents. Then they were put back into the empty Cacafuego, and wished a pleasant and safe voyage to Panama, where they had been taking the treasure for shipment to Spain!



The Golden Hind now had as much treasure as she could carry, and it seems that Drake decided to get it home by crossing the Pacific. But his ship had sprung a leak owing to the weight of silver, and he had to find a place, out of reach of the Spaniards, to overhaul her. He sailed north and landed on the unexplored Californian coast. A horde of Indians came to watch the strange newcomers in great curiosity.

How will Drake's small company get along with the Indians in this unknown land? See next week's instalment

Thrilling new serial of adventure in Greece

THE ISLAND OF THE GODS

by Geoffrey Trease

Holly Blake's father, a school-master, has a sketch-map taken from a German prisoner during the war. He thinks it will reveal the secret of the lost shrine of Theonesos, the ancient Greek "Island of the Gods." He turns for expert advice to John Stevens' mother, a College lecturer. The two families decide to go and test the story themselves.

3. Mystery in Venice

THERE were lots of things to do in the weeks which followed, because they wanted to start as soon as the schools closed.

"Greece will be pretty hot in August," said Dr. Stevens, "but it shouldn't be too bad on a small island with the sea all round us."

"Super! We can swim, can't we, mum?"

"I hope so. We certainly shan't want to dig all the time!"

Luckily the Blakes were experts at cheap foreign holidays and knew just what to take. With such a long journey, both families had to count the cost.

They would go by train to Venice. "Second-class, though, not third," Mr. Blake insisted. "We must be able to stretch out for the night journey—otherwise the children will be half-dead before they reach Italy."

"Yes, it's worth the extra money," Dr. Stevens agreed. "There's so much to see, going through Switzerland."

From Venice they would sail to Athens; that would be three days and nights at sea. Even Holly, who had had several holidays abroad with her parents, had never sailed for more than a few hours in a cross-Channel steamer.

At Athens—or rather at Piraeus, the port of Athens—they would have to find some little local steamer to take them on their last stretch of the journey to Theonesos. The travel agents in London knew nothing about these local services and thought Mr.

Blake rather mad. Why couldn't he be satisfied with the famous showplaces, Athens and Delphi, Crete and Rhodes?

John had his own passport for the first time; but they all had to get visas from the Greek Government offices in London. The visas were rather like postage stamps, and they were stuck inside the passports with the English words,



There was the Grand Canal

"good for a single journey to Greece within three months."

John thought it was rather a bore having to be vaccinated again, but his mother said that they were going to a rather out-of-the-way place and she did not want him to catch smallpox.

"People have to watch their health when they go East," she explained.

"And if they don't, I suppose they go West?" said John with a grin. And they both laughed.

One thing bothered him more than going to the doctor's to be vaccinated. What would Holly be like on this trip? As the only two young people, they would have to see a lot of each other. He wished Holly were a boy.

Off to Greece

He wished she had not been abroad so much before. She would know things he did not. And she might be cocky; as she was a girl he could not punch her head.

Still, it was worth putting up with Holly to go on this trip. If it had not been for her father, he would never have gone—never have heard of the Island of the Gods.

At last term ended. A few days before the August Bank Holiday the five adventurers met on the Boat Train at Victoria. It was easy to find each other amid the jostling crowds because they had reserved seats with numbered labels in the same compartment.

"Isn't this super?" cried Holly. "I do hope the Channel is rough!"

"So do I," said John, although he did not mean it. He was not

sure whether he would be a good sailor, and he did not want to look silly on the first day of the journey.

Luckily the sea was like satin. They enjoyed the crossing, clumping to and fro, exploring the steamer from front to back, as Holly said.

"Stem to stern, you egg!" John told her, glad of a chance to put her right.

At Calais they got into a long green train which took them right down the eastern side of France, missing Paris, to the borders of Switzerland. They ate a picnic supper, because the dining car was terribly expensive, and then the man came along to fix the berths, or "couchettes."

Each seat became a berth for one person. Above them, where the luggage-racks would be in England, two more berths let down on each side of the compartment.

Dr. Stevens and Mrs. Blake had the lowest berths, Mr. Blake and another passenger had the middle ones, and the children grinned across at each other from the top-most level, which they reached by a miniature ladder.

Early arrival

Each passenger had a pillow and one blanket. John watched Mr. Blake and saw that he only slipped off his jacket and tie and shoes. He did the same. When everyone was settled, Mr. Blake switched off the main lights, and the compartment was lit only by the faintest purple glow.

At six o'clock in the morning they reached Basle and had to tumble out and go through the Swiss Customs. Then they had breakfast in the big refreshment-room—lovely hot coffee, new rolls and butter, and cherry jam—before walking along the platform to a carriage labelled "Venezia." John knew this meant Venice.

And by afternoon they were gliding into the station at Venice after a wonderful journey through the Alps and past the Italian Lakes.

"Mind you hop out quickly," Mr. Blake warned the children. "We don't want to be carried on to the next station!"

John looked anxious, but Holly laughed. "You can't catch us, daddy! We know the train can't go any farther—unless it takes to the water."

Exploration

Sure enough, as they came out of the station exit, there was the Grand Canal at the foot of the steps, in front of them, with real gondolas gliding to and fro.

"Oh, may we go in one?" begged Holly.

"Of course," said her father. "There aren't any taxis."

There were no cars or buses, either, because there were no roads. There were steamers and motor-launches, instead, but only the gondolas could weave their way through the quiet side-canal, so the little party took a gondola to their hotel.

Their ship did not sail till the next day, late in the evening.

"Early bed for you two," Mrs. Blake advised. "We'll have all tomorrow to see the sights."

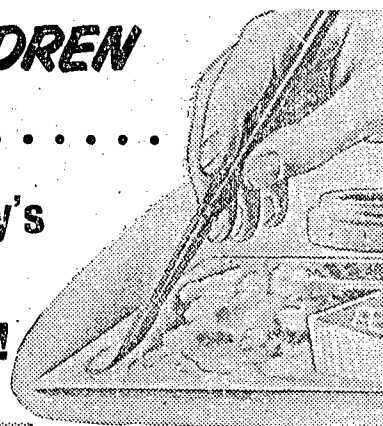
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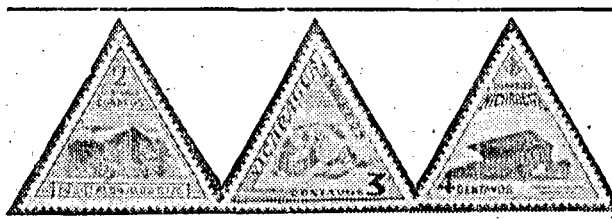
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SPORTS SHORTS

THE first of the season's "home" football internationals takes place next Saturday, when England travel to Windsor Park, Belfast, to meet Ireland. This will be the 62nd meeting between the two countries, and the Irishmen have won only four times, with nine matches drawn. Ireland's last victory was in 1928.

CATHIE GIBSON, one of the Motherwell swimmers who made such a great impression during the earlier post-war years, may have appeared for the last time in British competitive racing. She is emigrating to Canada. Cathie won an Olympic medal at Wembley in 1948 and was holder of the British 100 and 220 yards women's free style records for some years.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC have been experimenting with white plastic-covered goal nets, and other London Soccer clubs are to give the new nets extensive trials. It is thought that white nets, like the white ball, will make viewing easier during the dull winter months.

REG HARRIS, of Manchester, the 1954 world professional cycling champion, has competed in almost every type of cycling event except six-day racing. He hopes to rectify this in a few weeks time by riding in the race at the indoor track at Aarhus, Denmark. This is the world's smallest six-day cycling track, measuring only 150 metres. Riders will cover something like 350 circuits an hour when travelling at speed.

CRICKET is taking a new lease of life in Somerset, and next summer the County's 2nd XI will compete for the first time in the Minor Counties tournament. Meanwhile, a large covered stand is to be erected on the Taunton ground in time for next season. All this is the outcome of the efforts of the go-ahead Somerset Cricket Supporters' Club.

WHEN the Britannia Shield boxing tournament (the inter-Services competition) is held at Wembley on November 10, Canada will compete for the first time. Other teams will represent Britain, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Norway, and the United States. The R.A.F. have held the title for the past two years.

THE ISLAND OF THE GODS

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short trip in a steamer along the Grand Canal, John and Holly went up to their rooms. Their parents were going out again for a stroll round the big square.

"But you needn't feel lonely," said Mrs. Blake. "You're only next door to each other—and the balcony runs all the way along outside."

"But no dormitory raids or midnight feasts!" said her husband.

"And no falling into the canal!" added Dr. Stevens.

It had been such a long day, John wanted nothing but sleep. He went off as soon as his head touched the pillow. But in no time—as it seemed—he was awakened

HARROW County School, Middlesex, have lost the Welsh Rugby international. Gerwyn Williams as their games instructor, but into his place comes Glyn John, another Welsh Rugby international. Both played for Wales last season but owing to injury Gerwyn Williams has now retired from the sport.



Stanley Matthews shows Stanley Matthews how it is done. The world-famous England and Blackpool outside-right is seen here passing on a few hints to his nine-year-old son.

How far does a cricketer travel during his career? It varies tremendously, of course, but Harold Elliott, the former Derbyshire wicketkeeper, who is now an umpire, has been looking at the record of his travels and found that he has covered some 119,000 miles.

SUSSEX cricketer Charlie Oakes was born in the groundsman's cottage adjoining the County ground at Horsham. Now he is returning to his birthplace to take over the groundsman's duties from his father, who is retiring after 46 years of tending the Horsham "wicket." Charlie Oakes, a consistent all-rounder, has played for Sussex for 19 years and scored his maiden century on the Horsham ground.

GEOFF PAISH recently became the first player to win all three titles in the South of England tennis championships for a second time. He is only the fourth player ever to hold all three titles in one year.

by stealthy movements in the far corner of the room.

At first he thought it was Mr. Blake undressing—for they had economised by taking only two hotel rooms between the five of them. Then he thought it must be Holly, playing some silly trick.

Very cautiously he slid from between the bedclothes, resolved to teach her a lesson. He picked up one of the gym-shoes he was using instead of bedroom slippers.

Then he realised, to his alarm, that it was neither Holly nor her father looming there in the half-darkness. It was a stranger. But who?

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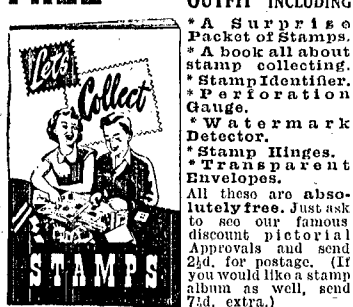
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GIRL WHO WANTED THE ANTLERS

Zoo helps actress to look the part

By Craven Hill, C N Correspondent at Regent's Park

A PAIR of antlers shed by one of the Zoo's deer will shortly be playing an unusual rôle. They will be used as "props" in some amateur theatricals.

A London girl who is at school at Trowbridge, Wilts, applied at the main offices, explaining that she was acting in a school play in which she had to take the part of a deer, and was anxious to "look the part."

Officials referred her to the deer-and-cattle sheds, where, fortunately, keepers had on hand a



A young visitor examines one of Keino's antlers

fine pair of antlers cast last January by the reindeer Keino. These were given to the girl, who went away delighted with her acquisition.

If the little girl was lucky, the Zoo itself has also been fortunate lately, for it has acquired three rare British snakes. Two of these are fine specimens of the smooth snake, each about 18 inches long.

The snakes were found near Sherborne in Dorset, by a young amateur herpetologist (snake-fancier), Mr. D. G. Broadley, of Stamford, Lincs. He had been keeping the reptiles at his home, but as he has now been posted to a forestry job in Southern Rhodesia he had to get rid of his "pets."

ALBINO SNAKE

It is some time since the species was seen at Regent's Park. "The smooth snake occurs only in two or three counties in the south and appears to be getting much rarer," an official tells me.

The third reptile is of a common enough species but an extremely rare variety—an albino grass snake. It was found in his garden by a doctor of Denham, Bucks. The snake was readily accepted by the Zoo as it is the first albino grass snake the menagerie has been able to get since 1926.

The snake, two feet long, has pink eyes and a yellowish-white skin. But, unlike most albinos, it does not appear to have any special weakness in its sight. "It sees its food—amphibians and fish—without any difficulty, and seizes them very promptly," the official said.

The colony of red wood ants

(obtained from a Buckinghamshire coppice) now being shown at the insect house is proving a great success. In previous years two colonies of these ants were exhibited, each community living on an island. No bridge between the islands was practicable, since the ants, being of different colonies, invariably fought and casualties were numerous.

This year the single colony has been divided and installed on the two islands which are connected by a stone bridge laid across the moat. The ants appear to enjoy crossing and recrossing the bridge, and visitors enjoy watching them.

The colony consists of about 20,000 ants. There is no fighting now, and any ants that die are promptly thrown into the moat by their companions, who do not tolerate "dead bodies" on the islands. Death-rate is low. "I usually pick out about half a dozen dead ants from the water each morning," Head-keeper George Ashby tells me.

DONKEY PROBLEMS

A spell of warmer weather brought good business to the Zoo's riding animals, but it brought its special problems, too. Special watch is being kept just now, for example, on the riding donkeys, to see that they do not get too many titbits from visitors.

"Two of the riding donkeys have been quite ill," said an official. "One was the female donkey Gubby. She had to spend some days in the sanatorium, under treatment for indigestion. The other was the male donkey Joey, who surprised us by collapsing while out on riding duty. He had been given so much food by visitors that he just lay down on the 'ride' and stayed there for some minutes. He, too, was off duty for a while, but is all right again now."

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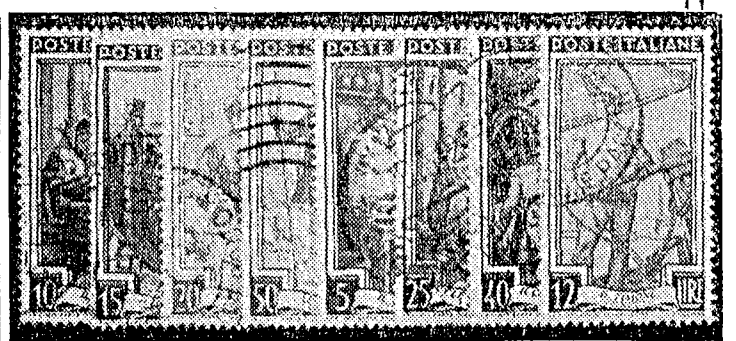
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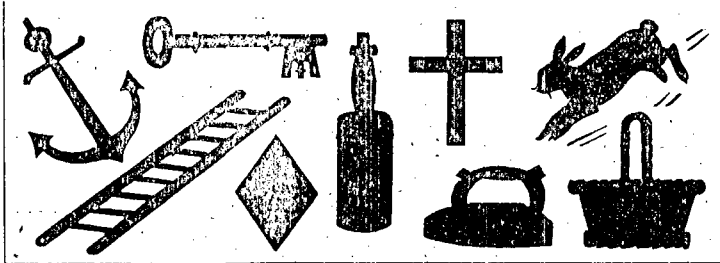
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Answer next week



A bit stiff

"My shaving brush is very stiff this morning," remarked father rather puzzled.

"That's funny," piped up little William innocently, "it was all right when I used it yesterday afternoon to paste cuttings in my scrapbook."

What are

. . . the following things?

Oriel, dormer, lancet, french, sash, and casement.

They are the names of various types of window

BEDTIME TALE

Sam was surprised

SAM, who lived in London, was going to spend his first week-end on uncle's farm. He had not met his cousin Joe before, though they were the same age.

"But I guess I know more than he does," Sam boasted to his daddy. "Town boys have more chances to know things than country boys."

"Don't be so sure of that!" said daddy. And how right he was.

First, Sam did not know how to stop the fierce gander chasing him and pecking him, till Joe told him: "Slap him on the beak. It won't hurt him." And to Sam's relief the gander ambled off meekly after one slap.

Then, Joe could drive the light tractor, and took the milk churns across the fields to the roadside stand for the lorry to collect. And he could milk, too, quite well.

After tea they were walking along the river when Joe said suddenly: "Stop! Look!" And Sam saw a water vole flop into the still



stream and begin swimming across to the other bank. Soon it disappeared into a hole there. And then he saw a little sandy creature swim off from their bankside hot on its trail.

"That's a weasel hunting it," said Joe, picking up a stone.

When it fell far ahead of the weasel Sam thought: "Hurray! Here's something I can do better than Joe!" And he threw a stone, too, and almost hit the weasel.

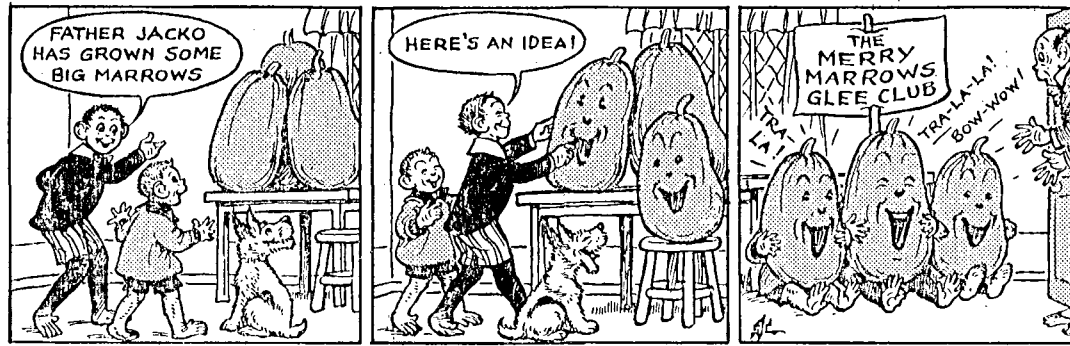
"Stop it, stupid!" cried Joe. "I'm not trying to hit it. Weasels kill too many pesky rats in our barn for me to want to harm him. We only want to make splashes to break up the scent. Then he can't follow that harmless vole."

"Oh, dear! You know more than me about everything!" said Sam sadly, seeing the baffled weasel swimming off on the wrong trail.

"But only about country things," said Joe truthfully.

JANE THORNICROFT

JACKO'S JAPE ON FATHER IS A HOWLING SUCCESS



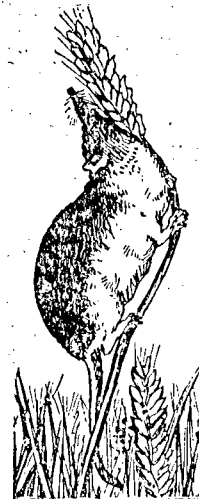
Sweeping statement

CRIED a thrifty old farmer named Shaw:

"This is really the very last straw! I have swept the whole ground And no more's to be found. It's the cleanest sweep you ever saw."

SPOT THE . . .

COMMON SHREW, with his tiny eyes and curved snout. In his brown velvet coat he is rather like a mouse, with a nose akin to a mole's.



Although termed "shrew-mouse," it is not a mouse but belongs to a different order.

In the past, the shrew was regarded as a creature of ill omen. When a cow fell ill, for example, it was attributed to the shrew.

Common in most parts of England and Scotland, but not in Ireland, it lives in burrows.

Shrews possess huge appetites and as they eat slugs, grubs, and various insect pests, they are very good friends to man.

Tiny mite

AUSTRALIA'S bulldog ant is amazingly strong. In an experiment one suspended by its feet retained a hold on a glove over a thousand times its own weight—a feat comparable to a human being clinging to a bar by his toes and supporting a steam-roller with his teeth!

Out of place

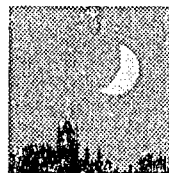
Which of these items is out of place?

Iron, copper, asbestos, tin

Asbestos: the others are metals

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus is low in the south-west and Mars is in the south-west. In the morning Jupiter is in the east. Our picture shows the Moon as it will appear at six o'clock on



Saturday evening, October 2.

What . . .

. . . door neither opens nor closes?

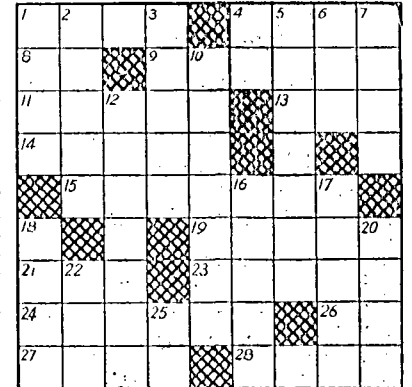
door shuts V

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Residue. 4 Britain is one. 8 Alternative. 9 Reproduced by engraving metal plate. 11 Illustrious. 13 See with it. 14 Babies eat with it. 15 Footwear. 19 Happening. 21 Devoured. 23 Wireless. 24 Bog. 26 Postscript. 27 Stake. 28 Draws.

READING DOWN. 1 Boys. 2 Cuts short. 3 Fruit. 4 In charge. 5 Fired upon. 6 Land used for grass and crops. 7 First garden. 10 Offers. 12 Straw hats. 16 Nautical stop! 17 Marsh bird. 18 Light. 20 Spin. 22 Also. 25 Preposition expressing position.

Answer next week



Conversation piece

A TOWNSMAN was trying to make conversation with a farmer. "How many apples does that tree yield in a year," he asked.

"None," replied the farmer with a smile, "it's a pear tree."

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

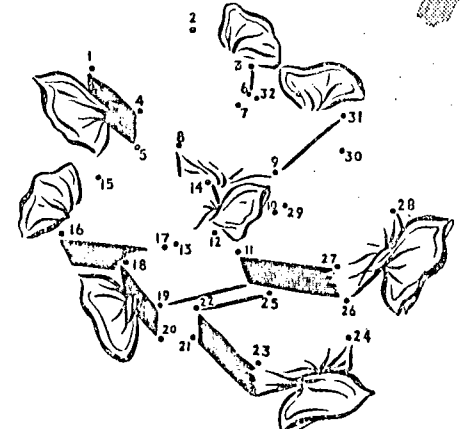
Pyramid puzzle

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Three-in-one

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G ravene Y

What's my line



"I'm Sir Kreemy Knut and, if you don't know my line, just join up the numbers above. And what have you got? . . . Toffees—the creamiest, the most mouth-watering toffees you've ever tasted. They're Sharp's, of course, made by the Toffee Specialists of Maidstone—and I'm their mascot."

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